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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN SITUATION REPORT NO. 4, 1030 HOURS
EST, FEBRUARY 25, 1979

1. (U) THE KABUL-BOUND AIR FORCE PLANE, CARRYING MRS. DUBS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY WHO WILL ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR DUBS' BODY TO THE UNITED STATES, DEPARTED WASHINGTON THURSDAY MORNING AND IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FRIDAY AFTERNOON KABUL TIME.
2. (U) ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING COMPLETED FOR THE PLANESIDE CEREMONY AT ANDREWS UPON THE OFFICIAL PARTY'S RETURN AT 12:20 SUNDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 18 AND FOR THE FUNERAL SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 20. WE ANTICIPATE THE SECRETARY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THESE TWO CEREMONIES.
3. (LOU) OUR EMBASSY IN KABUL IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE KIDNAPPING AND KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS SO THAT WE WILL HAVE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS WE CAN GET REGARDING ITS PERPETRATORS, THEIR MOTIVES, AND THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE DRA.
4. (U) YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER PROTESTED TO AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN THE ROLE OF SOVIET ADVISORS IN THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE RAID BY THE AFGHAN POLICE TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF AMBASSADOR DUBS AND ASKED FOR A FULL REPORT FROM MOSCOW.
5. (LOU) WE ARE STILL UNCERTAIN WHOSE BULLETS KILLED THE AMBASSADOR; IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE MAY NEVER KNOW. HOWEVER, EMBASSY KABUL HAS ARRANGED AS COMPLETE AN AUTOPSY AS POSSIBLE AND WE HOPE TO RECEIVE BULLETS FROM THE AMBASSADOR'S BODY FOR FORENSIC ANALYSIS.
- 6 (C) CONDOLENCE MESSAGES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM PRIME MINISTER TARAKI, AND FOR THE SECRETARY FROM FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN.
8. WE ARE PREPARING A STRONG PROTEST TO THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT OVER THE HANDLING OF THIS INCIDENT. WE ARE ALSO REVIEWING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH AFGHANISTAN, INCLUDING OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. CHRISTOPHER

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